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The City of Kawartha Lakes owns a commercially zoned property on the northeast side of Lindsay on Highway 36 of approx. 120 acres. The property has been surplus for several years. Canada is experiencing a dire need for medical supplies and other PPE equipment since the pandemic hit our shores in March of 2020.

Ontario and Canada are very vulnerable for the foreseeable future as we are dependant on a global supply chain of healthcare products. Given that Canada is in need and short supply of critical products like therapeutics, PPE and vaccines we need to step up and begin manufacturing these products again.

Our Council in 2019 passed an innovative way of attracting business and manufacturing to our municipality by dropping all commercial development charges to 0% for the first 2500 sq metres or 27,000 sq ft of newly constructed facilities. By encouraging such a medical supply manufacturing park we are creating jobs, generating taxes for our municipality and, most importantly, saving lives by manufacturing our own healthcare supplies.

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